

**Amendments To The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for screening a compound or its salt that alters the binding property between [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) and SLC-1 or its salt, which comprises:

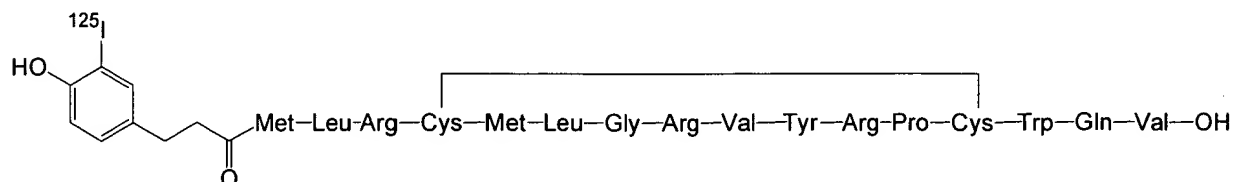
measuring the amount of the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) bound to the SLC-1, (i) when the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) is brought into contact with the SLC-1 or a salt thereof, and (ii) when a test compound and the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) are brought into contact with the SLC-1 or a salt thereof; and

comparing (i) and (ii).

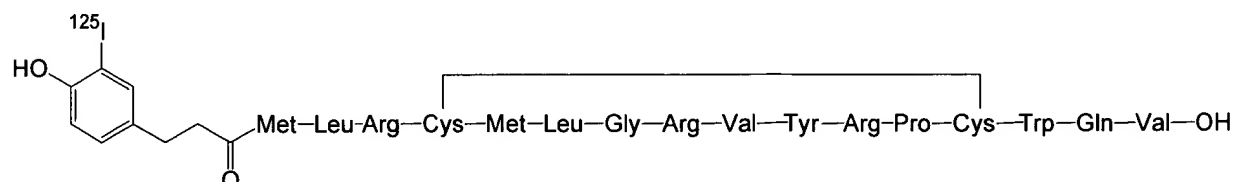
2. (Previously Presented) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that alters the binding property between [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) and SLC-1 or its salt, which comprises a solution comprising (a) [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) and (b) a buffer.

3-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) which is represented by the following formula:



13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) is represented by the following formula:



14. (Previously Presented) The kit according to claim 2, wherein the [ $^{125}\text{I}$ ][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-Met<sup>4</sup>]-MCH(4-19) is represented by the following formula:

